(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Higher compensation is being paid for train accidents or untoward incidents taking place on or after 1-11-97, compensation for death and permanent disability has been raised from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 4 lakhs. In case of injuries, the minimum amount has been raised from Rs. 16,000 to Rs. 32,000 and the maximum from Rs. 1.80 lakhs to Rs. 3.60 lakhs depending upon the extent of injuries.

Land levy charges to KRC by Maharashtra

4050. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has asked the Konkan Railway Corporation to pay the levy on land under its track and use;

(b) whether KRC has been served notices by two district collectorates in the State, to pay the land levy charges, for using land for non-agricultural purposes;

(c) whether KRC has been getting tax relief from the Karnataka Government, since 1992; and

(d) if so, whether the Central Government would intervene in the matter and sort out the things amicably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways has taken up this issue with Government of Maharashtra to review its decision and exempt KRC from these charges.

Modasa-Kapadvanj rail line

†4051. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Modasa-Kapadvanj rail line in Gujarat, figured in the last year's Budget has since been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not starting rail services on that rail line, so far, and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.